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Maintenance Council Holds Conference

Panels Discuss Problems, Point To National Wage Scale

DETROIT, July 29—Members of the UAW-CIO Tool, Die and Maintenance Council meeting in this city in a two day conference, discussed their problems with top UAW officials and government war agency representatives and laid plans for further meetings to advance the cause of the UAW skilled trades.

Walter P. Reuther, International UAW-CIO vice-president opened the meeting yesterday and discussed the skilled trades in the Auto Workers. He pointed out the inequalities which existed in various sections of the country and expressed the opinion that the only solution to these problems was a national wage scale.

Various specialized groups held their own panels where they discussed their problems and the possible solutions to their difficulties. Common to all the panel discussions was the agreement that wages varied widely and that this problem was the most acute.

WLB Represented

The National War Labor Board sent a representative from Washington to report to the Board what the conference had to say about wages and other conditions with which the Board deals.

More than 500 delegates from all sections of the country representing thousands of UAW-CIO skilled workers were in attendance. Toledo was represented by Walter Harris and Dayton Overpeck, Auto-Lite Unit; John DeBoer, Spicer Unit and Marshal Myers, Willys-Overland Unit, all from Local 12.

Maintenance Council Schedules Meetings

Meetings have been scheduled by the Greater Toledo Tool and Die Maintenance Workers Council for August. Following are the times of the m[illegible]

First and Third s[illegible] —Thursday, August [illegible], 8:00 p. m.

Second shift workers—Thursday, August 17, 10:00 a. m. Both meetings to be held at Local 12 headquarters, 425 Winthrop St.

All skilled workers who are members of Local 12 are not only eligible to become members of the Council, but are urged to do so. Come and bring your fellow workers with you. Information may be secured about the Council from Marshall Myers at Local 12 headquarters.

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Negro's Vote In Texas Primaries

HOUSTON (FP)—Years of southern "white supremacy" tradition tumbled in the dust when Texas Negros went to the polls to vote for the first time in the so-called white primary.

Among the Negro voters who crowded to the polls was Dr. Lonnie Smith, Houston dentist whose case brought the U. S. supreme court decision that Negroes had the right to vote in Texas Democratic primaries. Heaviest Negro voting was reported at Houston, Dallas and Austin.

Negroes broke another tradition on primary day when one group of voters organized a Democratic precinct convention and another elected Negro delegates to the county convention July 29. Delegates to the county conventions will set up a state convention for Sept. 12.

The Houston precinct 25 convention, called by E. H. Harrison, Negro financial secretary of Local 2457, United Steelworkers (CIO), is believed to be the first ever organized by Negroes in the south. Precinct 25, peopled 96% by Negroes, piled up its largest vote in history, with 400 votes cast as compared to the 16 cast by white workers in the 1942 primary.

In the precinct 48 convention 10 whites and 10 Negroes were elected delegates to the county convention, another precedent for Texas.

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CIO Leader To Visit Italy

WASHINGTON, July 31 — (LPA)—George Baldanzi, executive vice-president of the Textile Workers Union of America will leave shortly for an extended trip to Italy, it was announced on July 29 by President Philip Murray of the CIO.

Baldanzi has been actively identified with movements to raise relief funds for Italy through the unions in this country, and has long been identified with the anti-Fascist and trade union movement.

Plan Model Town

Minneapolis, Aug. 1. (LPA) A model cooperative village, with facilities for accommodating conventions, institutes, and cooperative training schools, is to grow at Burkhart, Wisconsin, near here on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border.

Purchase of a whole village—houses, stores, and a mill complete with grain elevator, warehouses and offices — has been announced this week by Midland Cooperative Wholesale.

When the death of the Burkhardt mill's owner in 1931 caused the community to decline in population, the co-op bought the mill. More recently it has bought the land and buildings that makes up the community. The mill is now back in operation and is furnishing a carload of much needed food for farm animals each day.

A. J. Smedby, Midland's general manager, says that they put up about $50,000 for the community properties, and that it is expected much more will be spent in building it into a post-war center for consumer's co-operatives.

Consumers' cooperatives this year celebrate their hundreth anniversary. The first consumers' co-op was set up [illegible] weavers in Rochdale, England, in 1844. Now, they are spread all over the world. Midland Co-operative Wholesale, only 18 years old, did a volume of business of $9,000,000 last year, serving 150,000 families in mid-western states.

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Die Casters Publish Paper

First issue of the Union News was published today by the IUMSW-CIO, die casting division of the Doehler Die Co.

The paper which will be published monthly is a four page tabloid containing general and shop news, pictures and editorials. The paper will be given a name as soon as a contest has been completed in which the one giving the most appropriate name will receive a prize.

Subject of the first editorial was the MESA which is attempting to raid the Die Casters and organize the skilled workers in the shop.

Ernie Love is editor.

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Lewis Accused By UMW Members

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (FP) — Six influential members of Dist. 12, United Mine Workers (unaffiliated, protested to U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle against what they termed violations of the civil rights of UMW members by Pres. John L. Lewis.

In Service

Serving in the Army is one of the Usona Unit's well liked young men, Pvt. David B. Hauch, now located at Camp Stoneham, California. Although Usona is one of Local 12 smaller Units, it has been its bit during the war effort and is proud of its contribution of men, money and effort.

Russian and Chinese Aided By NWF

Largest allocation of funds from the National War Fund which is supported by the Greater Toledo War Chest to which thousands of members of Local 12, UAW-CIO and other labor organizations contribute are for the Russian and Chinese victims of the war.

Medical aid sent to war victims is one of the biggest jobs of the agencies affiliated with the Fund. Almost $6,000,000 worth of medical supplies and services for United Nations war victims will be provided during the first nine months of this year according to Fund officials.

United Seamen's Service, which provides comforts and aids for merchant seamen in 94 ports on six continents, has an appropriation of $559,872 for its medical program which is devoted in part to rehabilitation of men who have been torpedoed or who suffer from "convoy fatigue" and need care in order to be returned to active service.

The Greater Toledo Community War Chest benefits a total of 70 agencies including 19 war relief organizations, 9 war-community services and 42 local health and welfare agencies.

This years Community Chest Drive which opens in October will seek to maintain sufficient funds to carry on the work of the various agencies at their present effectiveness until the end of the war.

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AFL Survey Stirs Talk In Capital

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The July report of the AFL's "Labor's Monthly Survey" is still being discussed in official circles here. Main topic of argument is the revelation of the AFL that corporations are the greatest gainers from war business activity. According to the AFL, corporation profits before taxes have gone up 329% from 1939 to 1943, while farmers' income have gone up 204%, business proprietors, 94%, and industrial workers 58%.

Gosser Asks Registrations

In a statement to the TOLEDO UNION JOURNAL, Regional Director Richard Gosser expressed his concern over the slow progress being made in registering for the 1944 presidential elections and urgently requested the members of the UAW-CIO in Toledo and Region 2-B to qualify themselves for voting. Following is the Regional Director's statement:

"This year, as never before, the workers of this country will be the deciding factor in the election. Thousands of workers in Toledo and Region 2-B have lost their right to vote.

"In Lucas County alone, the number of eligible voters has dropped at an alarming rate. In November, 1940, there were 143,256 qualified voters in this county. Two years later, in 1942, the number had dropped to 134,636. In November of last year, there were less than 95,000 eligible voters in the entire county.

DROP IN VOTERS

"The drop in eligible voters, from 143,256 to 95,000, mostly workers and servicemen, means the loss of nearly 50,000 votes, which, under normal conditions, would go to candidates for public office who are favorable to the workers and plain people.

"It is not too early for our people to go to their respective Election Boards and register so they may be eligible to vote in the fall election. I urge all members of the UAW-CIO in Region 2-B to go now, or at their earliest possible convenience and qualify themselves for the important election which is just a few weeks away."

In concluding his statement, the UAW-CIO head said, "If the registration is large and the workers turn out to vote in this fall's election, we know that the results will be favorable to labor. If they stay home, the way some of the politicians hope they will, labor will lose an opportunity which may end seriously for it."

Registration Urged

Members of the CIO Political Action Committee executive board echoed the words of Regional Director Gosser, one official saying, "The important thing at this time is to get the workers registered. We are going to make a special effort to secure the cooperation of the Board of Elections to do this and hope that everyone will register and urge others whom they know are not qualified to vote, to do likewise."

Local 12 officers and Unit heads are preparing a registration drive which they believe will result in a decided upturn in registrations. They are coordinating their efforts with the Political Action Committee in planning an intensified registration drive for the immediate future.

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Government Should Spend More Says Dewey

WASHINGTON (LPA) — It's news when a Republican Congressman believes that businessmen may not be advocating that the government spend enough in the postwar period. But this is exactly what Congressman Charles Dewey (Rep. Ill.) believes about the estimate of 18 billion dollars for government expenditures made by business spokesman Beardsley Ruml of New York in a pamphlet just issued by the National Planning Association.

Dewey was assistant secretary of the Treasury under Andrew Mellon, and is now a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, a member of the tax committee of the Republican National Committee and a member of a Republican subcommittee on incentive taxation.

Dewey said that "Eighteen billion dollars would not meet our postwar requirements." Though Dewey is an ardent advocate of a tax program that would give business an "incentive" he told reporters he had doubts about Mr. Ruml's plan.

IS IT DEWEY?

WASHINGTON, D. C.— Alice Roosevelt Longworth, daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt and ardent Republican, whose caustic tongue has seared many a Capital hide, is reported to be the source of the following observation on candidate Dewey:

"Imagine voting for a man who looks like the bridegroom on a wedding cake."

Labor Increases Pressure For Reconversion Plan

Sign First Packard Contract

Members of the executive shop committee of the Packard Unit of Local 12 who aided in negotiating the first contract signed between their Unit and the Packard Motor Co. paused last week at headquarters and smiled their prettiest smiles. Making with the teeth are left: Lee Shafer, Unit chairman, Evelyn Dimmer, secretary, and threatening to show ivory, but not quite making it is Fred Gelow, vice-chairman.

Labor Group Assails Canned Goods Ruling

WASHINGTON, July 31 — (LPA) — "OPA's scheme for pricing 1944 canned fruits and vegetables leaves consumers at the mercy of unscrupulous canners who would overcharge their customers," the OPA labor policy committee stated July 30.

The committee, which represents the consumer interests of AFL, CIO and railroad union membership, assailed the recent regulation worked out by OPA in answer to the Holman-Tabor rider to the OPA appropriation act. This rider, the committee said, was put into the bill at the instance of canners who sought to knock government grades out of OPA price ceilings, just as one year ago they eliminated government grades from labels.

With government grades entirely out, the committee charges, canners will be "free to continue the widespread practice of selling low quality at high quality price ceilings."

Litigation May Result

The OPA regulation is interpreted by the committee as throwing this year-old issue between OPA and the canners into court litigation in enforcement cases. "It is clear," the committee says, "that OPA has provided the canners with an escape hatch which may save them when they are caught upgrading their products. Canners risk little if anything in overpricing their products."

As a result the committee anticipates frequent overcharging of consumers, which, it says, could have been avoided if OPA had taken the issue back to Congress, meanwhile invoking the assistance of Stabilization Director Vinson who came to its rescue in a similar situation in connection with meat grades last year.

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CO-OP Short Story Contest Announced

MINNEAPOLIS (CLNS) — Announcement of a Centennial short story contest with cash prizes totaling $210 was made last week by the co-sponsors, The Cooperative Builder, Box 2000, Superior, Wis., and the Midland Cooperator, 739 Johnson Street, N. E. Minneapolis 13, Minn. First prize will be $100 and three books; second prize, $50 and three books; third prize, $25 and two books. There will be seven prizes of $5 and two books each. The stories, which should have a cooperative angle, must be limited to 3,000 words and must be submitted to one of the two sponsors by midnight, October 31. Anyone except employees of the sponsors is eligible to compete.

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CIO Members Belong To Dem. Committee

LOS ANGELES (FP) — At least two dozen CIO members and officials are among members of the Los Angeles County Democratic Committee, according to latest tallies.

Similar news comes from next door Ventura county, where about half a dozen CIO people are part of the County Democratic Committee there.

Subsidy Foe Loses Out In Texas Primary

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Aug. 1—(FP) — The best hayseed manner of Rep. Richard Kleberg, who likes to call himself a "plain dirt farmer," couldn't wangle the voters of this community into renominating him for congress in the democratic primaries.

One of the reasons Kleberg lost the nomination to Capt. John Lyle, now on active military duty in Italy, by a count of 19,121 to 11,836 is that the plain people of Texas keep thinking of him as the owner of the King ranch, the largest and wealthiest in the entire nation.

Kleberg pulled the plain dirt famer act when he was campaining against subsidies on Capitol Hill and imported scads of cowboys from his huge ranch to parade before house committees as the socalled anti-subsidy voice of the folks back home.

Political observers also chalk up Kleberg's defeat to popular anger at his part in the anti-Roosevelt electoral college plot and to growing CIO strength here.

In other parts of the state the primaries saw the renomination of a number of strong Roosevelt supporters, including House Speaker Sam Rayburn, Wright Patman, Lyndon Johnson, Fritz Lanham and Eugene Worley.

In the second district, the seat abandoned by Rep. Martin Dies when labor opposition made it too hot for him was easily captured by union-indorsed Judge J. M. Combs of Beaumont.

Ask Congress To Eliminate Token Sessions And Solve Demobilization Problems

Washington, Aug. 2, (LPA) As Congress reconvenes after the nominating conventions this week, labor is intensifying its pressure for immediate action on reconversion planning.

Added to the unions' urging are announcements by War Mobilization Director Byrnes and Republican leader Vandenberg, as well as scores of other Senators and Congressmen, all demanding that Congress abandon present plans to hold "token" sessions two or three days a week during August, and then to close up shop until after the elections.

First item on the Congressional agenda, AFL, CIO and railway brotherhoods agree, must be steps to meet the 50% cut in war production likely when Germany is defeated. With Russian armies fighting across Poland toward Berlin, most military observers here believe that it is time to face the reconversion problems that will come sooner or later with victory.

Byrnes Wires Leaders

Byrnes, in his role as "assistant president', has wired Senate and House majority leaders to immediately take up demobilization problems.

AFL President Wm. Green has called upon Congress to act immediately in favor of the Kilgore bill, because "time is running out." Green states that "Right now we are wholly un-

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Local Organizes Soldiers' Relief Committee

A soldiers relief committee is in process of formation under the auspices of Local 12 with Anthony Modrowski in charge.

Purpose of the committee is to give returning servicemen, or World War I servicemen assistance in securing jobs, and in securing benefits permissable under the law.

The Committee will be split in several groups trained to know and understand laws pertaining to servicemen. This committee will give its service to returning servicemen as part of the services rendered by Local 12 to its members.

Information about the organization may be secured by calling Anthony Modrowski at Local 12, 425 Winthrop St. Servicemen who have served in either major war and are members of Local 12 are particularly wanted to serve as members of the committee.

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CIO Supports FDR-Truman

NEW YORK, Aug. 1. — The CIO Political Action Committee wholeheartedly supports the Roosevelt-Truman ticket, Sidney Hillman, PAC chairman, stated on his return to PAC national headquarters from the Democratic convention in Chicago last week.

"We believe that Senator Truman is eminently qualified for the office of vice-president," Hillman declared. "He will make a splendid running-mate for the President. We are confident that Roosevelt and Truman will make a winning team on Nov. 7."

Hillman said that PAC regretted the convention's decision on the candidacy of Henry A. Wallace.

"We wish, however," he asserted, "to make it clear that our support of Mr. Wallace did not carry with it our opposition to another candidate whom the convention might select."

Packard Signs Contract

Packard Motor Car Co. signed its contract with the Packard Unit of Local 12, UAW-CIO recently after brief negotiations and without using the War Labor Board as a negotiating agency.

Ed. Duck

Richard Gosser, UAW-CIO regional director commenting on the contract said, "the way the Packard contract was negotiated is evidence that not all corporations are trying to harass the unions because of the war. I am pleased with the good faith shown by the company management and hope our relations will continue to be mutually satisfactory."

Terms of Contract

Included in the contract were a union shop, bonus pay for men and women leaving for military service employed in the plant since last August, four hours per month vacation bonus and double time for all peacetime Saturday work in excess of four hours.

Seniority will guide in filing vacancies where hiring, promoting, upgrading or shift perference is involved. Seniority is on a plant-wide basis.

Satisfactory grievance procedure clauses were included in the contract in which the executive shop committee will be notified before any employe is discharged, disciplined, reclassified or otherwise effected.

Joint Decisions

Qualifications of employes will be jointly determined by the shop committee and the management. The later will furnish the data relating to the qualifications of each individual.

Approximately 1700 hourly rated employes are covered by the agreement which was negotiated by the bargaining committee consisting of Lee Shafer, chairman; Fred Gelow, vice-chaiman; Evelyn Dimmer, secretary; Joseph McCarthy, Gerald Biddle, Steve Nowak, Morey Baim, Harold Thornton and Joe Mazur.

Packard was organized by Edward J. Duck of the Local 12 organizational staff who conducted a successful drive which resulted in the UAW-CIO winning an NLRB election held at the plant last spring. Mr. Duck assisted in the negotiations and will continue to be charge of the Unit.

CIO And AFL Agree On Veterans Security

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2—(FP)—In another broad move to help make GI Joe and his brothers-in-arms welcome back home in the ranks of organized labor, the AFL and CIO agreed after conferences with the Veterans of Foreign Wars to permit full credit for service time in figuring seniority.

Explained in another way, all veterans, whether or not members of a union, would be allowed to use his armed service training in a trade as experience as a journeyman in that trade. This would apply even in cases of youths who may have had no prewar experience in a shop, factory or mill.

The joint AFL-CIO statement of policy dated July 25 is not necessarily binding on individual unions, but the labor spokesmen and the VFW said they felt it would be generally accepted by the locals.

Represent Organizations

Representing the AFL in the conferences were vice Pres. Mattew Woll, Sec. Treas. Geo. Meany and Intl. Reu. Robert J. Watt. For the CIO: Sec. Treas. James B. Carey and Research Director J. Raymond Walsh.

Omar B. Ketchum, legislative representative of the VFW, said that the American legion was invited to appear but was not able to do so, and that he expected the United Mine Workers (unaffiliated), the Railroad Brotherhoods and other indepedent unions to take similar action.

Under the general recommendation adopted, all servicemen would be given not less than 1 month of seniority rights for each month of military service after Sept. 1, 1940. It was also agreed that any veteran with prior employment rights who has been disabled in the service, should not lose his right to employment. If he has developed physical limitations that make it impossible to hold his former job, he would be given another job he is able to perform and at prevailing wages.

Provision is made for honorably discharged veterans to get full membership in the union at prewar initiation fees and at current dues scales.

Unions Question Need For Nine Hour Day

WASHINGTON, July 29—(LPA)—A complete surprise to all but top personnel was the announcement on July 27 that the War Department employees in the Army Service Forces here would be put on a 54 hour week immediately. This adds an hour, each of six working days to the War Department employees' schedules. In addition, all vacations and leaves were cancelled without warning.

The Army announcement of the drastic step-up in hours said they would be in effect 'until further notice" and until conditions in the war theaters and at home "permit a relaxation." Most Washington civil service columnists interpret this as another of the brass hats' morale building moves aimed to counteract the effects on war workers of recent cutbacks in ordinance.

Unions Critical

Both the United Federal Workers of America—CIO and the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) were critical of the necessity of the longer hours. Their spokesmen maintained that a study of the volume of work now being given to employees, and any consultation of actual work supervisors will indicate that other measures would have done much more to increase the volume of paper-work to back up America's fighting men.

"Unnecessary and damaging to morale," was the comment of president James Burns of AFGE on the order. The CIO union called General Somervell's sudden ruling "Typical of the arbitrary, high-handed and inefficient personnel policies which have become typical of the department in handling civilian personnel."

In a War Manpower Commission (WMC) press conference on July 27th, William Haber, executive director of program development for WMC was asked about the 54 hour week order. Haber indicated that it was not likely that such a drastic order would be extended to all war industries. Haber said that "this would present a lot of difficulties." Even now, he indicated, "the eight hour day is fictitious and many of these workers" who must travel an hour or more from home each morning and night." He indicated that such longer hours would force many women workers, especially those with families, to quit altogether.

Plenty of Manpower In Wrong Places

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(LPA)—Some of the questions on the War Manpower Commission (WMC) priority referral plan that have been hanging unanswered for some time in the midst of the capitol's manpower controversies were answered at a press conference held July 27th by Charles M. Hay, executive director of WMC.

Asked by an LPA reporter whether higher wages and better conditions would help solve needs in certain industries which WMC has termed "critical," the WMC director indicated that this would help. Of course, it was quickly pointed out, War Labor Board's adherence to the "Little Steel Formula" at present is checking such actions.

A letter from War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt to all members of the WMC staff added to the controversy here over the seriousness of the manpower shortage, and the need for strict controls over all workers. He said in the letter, dated July 19, "The over-all manpower picture is misleading. There is plenty of man and woman-power to meet every need; but it is not properly distributed and allocated."

McNutt called for recruiting from less critical to more critical regions of 79,000 workers in the remainder of July and August. "Approximately 18,000 are needed for a vast secret project; 22,000 for shipbiulding; 21,500 for ship repairs; 7,200 for aircraft; 6,600 for construction projects; and the rest for forges and foundries, logging and lumber, chemicals and petroleum," McNutt said in listing the need for migrant workers. Many of these jobs are in "out of the way places, where wages are lower and working conditions, relatively poor," William Haber, executive director of program development for WMC, said at the conference.

A study is being made, Haber said, to find out whether workers fired when cutbacks take place are moving into other communities where their skills are needed. A joint study is being undertaken by War Production Board, WMC, and the Census Bureau.

Baby Deaths Lowest In History

WASHINGTON, August 1 — (LPA)—A "phenomenal fall" in the number of babies that die at birth as well as in maternal mortality, has been announced here by the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor.

While there has been a drop in the number of infant deaths each year since 1937, the Children's Bureau reports show an especially gratifying fall from the 1941 figure of 41.9 to 49.9 per thousand live births.

Part of the credit is given by some authorities to the maternity and infant benefit program for families of servicemen, the appropriation for which was increased this year by Congress on the urging of CIO and AFL, as well as many social welfare groups.

Army Verifies Labor Housing Claim

WASHINGTON, July 29 — (FP)—The reiterated contention of organized labor that the manpower problem is bound up with housing facilities, transportation, in-plant facilities and child-care programs has been found correct by the U. S. Army.

Lt. Col. William J Brennan, chief of the labor branch of the industrial personnel division, said July 25 that "the manpower situation has got to be licked" and that the army has found that studies of housing, transport and other factors are necessary in many cases to find the causes of difficult shortages.

Army-Navy Men Stall Union Plans

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Army-Navy officials on War Production Board's Production Executive (PEC) Committee have stalled temporarily a program for protection against cutbacks in the shipbuilding industry recenttly presented to PEC by CIO and AFL union spokesmen.

Officials representing the War and Navy Departments would take no action on the union programs. They explained that they did not feel that they had the power to make decisions on such an important problem, and that the matter would have to be taken up with "higher officials."

Labor representatives have been assured of a hearing before the appropriate admirals at the Navy Department. These hearings are expected to take place in the near future.

Special Significance

The action of Army-Navy representatives on the committee has special significance for the future, labor officials here have been quick to point out. The PEC has been authorized by War Mobilization Director Byrnes as the major body to handle reconversion programs. Repetition of the action of Army-Navy men on the committee can stall decisions on each important industry reconversion plan presented by labor. One labor official stated that this would be in line with the fight recently conducted by the "brass hats" against Donald Nelson's first reconversion orders.

The stalled AFL and CIO proposals for shipbuilding include:

1. Evening out of production among various yards so that no one yard or section of the country is hit harder than another.
2. When cutbacks start, graveyard shifts be eliminated first, then the shifts should be cut from 10 to 8 hours. A third step would be abolition of the second shift and institution of the 40-hour week.
3. At least 60 days' notice of cutbacks or cancellations must be given organized labor and management by the government agencies involved.

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prepared for peace. We have no plans for coping with unemployment, with shutdown of war factories or with the problems of reconversion. If peace catches us thus unprepared, an economic panic jeopardizing any possibility of postwar security and reconstruction may ensue." He urged Congress to remain in session until it takes final action on reconversion laws.

Spurred on by CIO charges that reconversion problems are not being met by government agencies — despite formal proposals on an industry-by-industry basis by CIO and AFL unions in such key war programs as aircraft and shipbuilding—and by a Gallup poll showing that only 40% of the people interviewed believed they were certain to have a job after the war, it is expected that Congressional Committees will buckle down to business in the next few weeks.

Kilgore Bill Considered

Senator Robert R. Reynolds (D. N. C.) on July 28 announced that the Senate Military Affairs Committee is preparing to take up reconversion bills—including the Kilgore proposal, immediately. The Kilgore bill provides for adequate insurance for demobilized servicemen and war industry workers who are without jobs. It also sets up machinery in which labor and consumers would work along with government and management to plan orderly and fair change-over measures with the least possible unemployment. The bill is supported by all labor and many consumer groups represented in the capitol.

The only laws passed by Congress on demobilization until now provide for disposal of war contracts so that war industrialists will get cash coming to them quickly. At the time of adjournment for the Democratic and Republican conventions, promises were made of quick action on the human side of demobilization. As soon as pressure by labor shifted from Washington, however, it was announced that only token sessions of Congress would be held until after the November elections. The union members' pressure which got Democratic and Republican whips to consider changing this plan may be sufficient to get serious and quick consideration of the Kilgore and other bills, most Washington observers now agree.

Women Get Out Vote

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (FP)—Women unionists are taking the lead in getting out the vote in Bloomington. At the request of the Trades & Labor Assembly, the Women's Union Label League will lead the registration drive.

"STOP SAYING 'IT WAS WORTH IT' AND BRING THOSE THREE TOMATOES IN THE HOUSE!"

Murray Urges Equal Rights

CHICAGO, Ill. — Immediate extension of full and equal rights to all Americans was urged by CIO President Philip Murray in his appearance before the Democratic Convention Resolutions Subcommittee here last week.

"The CIO stands for full and true democracy," stated Murray, who spoke for the 5,500,000 CIO membership. "It opposes all discrimination, whether in civilian life or in the armed forces, and it endorses all measures necessary to assure full economic, political and civil equality to every American."

Murray declared that "the civil and economic rights and the freedoms which Americans are defending with their blood upon the battlefield and which we strive to make stronger and more perfect here at home must be guaranteed to all Americans without distinction by reason of race, creed or color—without regard to sex or racial, cultural or economic background."

Dies Predicts FDR Victory

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Here's the latest political dope . . . straight from the Martin Dies feedbox!

"The odds are in favor of a Roosevelt victory."

What's more, he admits a Roosevelt victory means the end of his infamous committee. A Republican triumph, however, would mean its salvation, he predicts. In either case, Dies won't be around. By "popular request' he's retired from the political scene.

Dies visited this community to gather data for an expose on alleged "communist" activities. As usual, the Texas smear-master pounced on the CIO Political Action Committee. And, as usual, Dies didn't bother to call in members of the Orleans parish political action committee or the CIO's regional director. After his "investigation" he promised the movement and its directors would be unmasked at a public hearing in the fall.

The Orleans PAC challenged Dies to make his inquiry open and in a resolution urged that Dies "submit himself to questioning, relative to his part in the diabolical Texas and Louisiana conspiracy to destroy the constitutionally established electoral college, intended to prevent the reelection of President Roosevelt.'

Hunting Aids Rationing

LANSING, July 31 — Over 13½ million pounds of point-free edible meat was taken by hunters and trappers in Michigan last year, according to conservation department figures. The total of 6,808 tons of meat was 309 tons greater than the 1942 take.

Largest increases in the 1943 take of games animals were of muskrats, racoons and opossums. Lowered take of rabbits, hares, ruffed and sharptailed grouse, and prairie chicken reflected cyclical declines in populations, according to department game authorities. Fox and gray squirrels and coot also were taken in smaller numbers.

Total 1943 take was an estimated 13,617,360 pounds of dressed meat; that for 1942 was 13,198,887 pounds.

Spending Your Buck

Local 12 Research Dept.

Rent increases are on the way. This was insured by the weakening of the price control act when congress in its hurry to get home and look after the political pastures, let the crippling amendments get by without a fight.

Congress in an expansive mood (to the landlords) changed the law so that it is now possible for a landlord to increase his rents if he can show that his operating expenses have gone up.

Since the price control act went into effect two years ago, OPA figures show that about 800,000 applications for rental increases have been received by that agency. Approximately 400,000 increases were granted.

Now, with the new law granting loopholes that the landlords will not be long in finding, OPA officials expect about 1,500,000 requests for rent increases from owners. If approximately 50 per cent of the increases were allowed before the new law, it is a safe bet that at least the same percent will be allowed now, and the chances are that the percent of allowed increases will be greater.

One OPA official has estimated that the national rent bill will increase by as much as $100,000,000 in the next year. Of course, that isn't inflationary, not for the workers; but have no fear, the War Labor Board will keep your wages frozen and your wage increases will not be inflationary.

Ford Umpire Rules On Lady In Red

HIGHLAND PARK, Mich.—(FP)—This is the story of a lady in red and the Ford umpire who handed down an official opinion on a fact of life.

The girl, a member of Local 600, United Auto Workers, CIO, was reprimanded and docked a half hour because she wore red slacks to work in the Highland Park plant.

The color of the slacks was a hazard to safety and production, the Ford Motor Co. claimed, contending the bright color had a tendency to distract the attention of employes, particularly that of the male employes. Understand, it was the color of the slacks she was penalized for, not the slacks themselves, since all girls are required to wear them at work here.

Union Makes Protest

The union protested and the umpire set out to investigate if the Lady in Red was being treated unfairly. He found out that some girls wore bright green slacks, with no objection from the management, and that "there was no effort at specification of other articles of clothing, or the fit thereof, which might be equall seductive of employes' attention."

Ruled the umpire: "It is common knowledge that wolves, unlike bulls, may be attracted by colors other than red and by various other enticements in the art and fit of female attire." The girl got her half-hour pay back, the company's reprimand was stricken from the record, the company was told: "That is not the way to prescribe or enforce rules of conduct" — and red slacks may still be worn at the Highland Park plant.

Status Of WLB Cases

Editor's Note: The following list of WLB cases was compiled by Local 12 to show members of shops affected, just where their cases are as of August 1. Reports will be given every two or three weeks to enable members to observe the progress of their cases before the Board.

Acklin Stamping—
Case is being certified. A hearing will be arranged shortly.

Air Way—
Hearing was held at Commodore Perry, July 14. Recommendation should be made soon.

Amer. Brake Shoe
WLB has been asked to approve new vacation plan—wage increase and maintenance of membership. Company not very cooperative.

Amer. Can
WLB hearing is due on this dispute.

Amer. Prop.
WLB is trying to dodge the responsibility of making decisions regarding job evaluation.

Auto Lite
Natl. WLB still is sitting on the company's appeal to hold up the 5% bonus for female checkers.
Two new dispute cases started—one on the contract and one on unsettled grievances. Eight Forms 10's are befgore the Board from Auto-Lite.

Burt Foundry
Increases asked for on Form 10 on piece-work rates denied. May be appealed. 5 and 10-cent increases granted on day rate and base rates.

Etna Foundry
5 and 10-cent increases granted June 24.

Hall Mfg.
Form 10's that were turned down are being considered by the Tool & Die Committee of the WLB.

Mather Spring
WLB insists on making rulings according to their 1943 policy instead of using current policy. Case is being appealed to the National Board.

Ransom Randolph
Hearing officer made favorable recommendation. Decision should be made any day.

Rathbun-Jones
3 to 17 cent raise granted July 21.

Ensign Foundry
OPA finally came throuch. 4 to 17-cent raise can be given. Price relief unnecessary.

Tillotson
5c increase given to piece workers.

The following shops have been granted longer vacations and larger vacation bonuses.
Acme Specialty
Auto-Lite
Burt Foundry
Etna Foundry
Keller Pen
Lakeside Biscuit
Peerless Moulded Plastics
Ensign Foundry
Surface Combustion
Tol. Industrial Rubber
Tol. Porcelain Enamel
Tol. Pressed Steel
Tol. Steel Products
Tol. Steel Tube.

Ward Agrees To Overtime For Two Detroit Unions

WASHINGTON (FP)—Montgomery Ward & Co., which doesn't particularly like unions, was moved July 26 to join with two of them in applying for authority from the Natl. War Labor Board to pay time and a half to its workers who put in over 40 hours a week.

The WLB approved the joint application, retroactive to Sept. 23, 1943, to employes in Ward's retail warehouse at Detroit.

Involved in the case are the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) and the M & W Servicemen's Assn. (unaffiliated). No overtime rate has ever been paid in the past in the Ward warehouse, so the action is a definite victory for the workers although the overtime is legally covered by the Fair Labor Standards act.

U. S. Immigration Laws Nazi-Like, Harrison Says

WASHINGTON, August 1 — (LPA)—Congress is faced with a softly-worded, but sharp-edged criticism of the work of its committees on immigration, in the report of Earl C. Harrison submitted to Attorney General Francis Biddle when he resigned recently after two years as U. S. Commissioner of Immigration.

Listing as almost the only disappointing experience in his work as Immigration Commissioner the "lamentably" slow progress" made on changes in laws, Harrison pointed out that the Senate committee at the time he resigned had not met for months. No answer has been forthcoming from chairman Richard B. Russell (D. Ga.) on the Harrison statements.

WLB To Seek Formula Data

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (FP) —All labor unions throughout the nation were invited July 25 to submit data and briefs to support the contention that the Natl. War Labor Board should modify the Little Steel Formula.

The invitation came in a formal resolution adopted by the WLB to speed up the offering of evidence to show how the Little Steel formula's restriction on labor's wages is creating gross inequities.

Under terms of the new resolution, which calls for speedy action by labor in getting the data or briefs to the WLB in Washington, it agrees to consider the evidence and decide whether or not it would be warranted in carrying the investigation further.

Unions Offer Evidence

It will be recalled that the AFL formally offered its evidence in an extended hearing before which many of its top officials testified for both the national AFL and many of its international affiliates. Then concurrently came the opening of the case of the United Steelworkers CIO which ran through from last March to just a few weeks ago, with the union and the steel corporations piling up a massive record.

All unions with cases pending before the WLB can offer evidence against the Little Steel formula under terms of the resolution. which also provides that the processing of pending wage dispute cases shall proceed on the basis of existing wage stabilization policy. This means the Little Steel formula will hold until it is ordered changed, but that the wage question could be reopened if there is a change in the national wage policy.

Coast Guard Deserts Coast

By John G. Cole, U. S. C. G. R., Coast Guard Correspondent

ON THE SAIPAN BEACHHEAD (DELAYED)—Perhaps the Coast Guard is better known than most people believe. One of the Coast Guard photographers is inclined to think so after an incident which occurred during the third day of fighting for the Island of Saipan.

After covering the landing and the beachhead photographically, he decided to move on up to the front lines for some general action shots. He made his way up the hills about two miles.

Enemy mortar shells were beginning to lob over his head. Jap snipers were scattered through the high cane fields. About fifty yards from the firing line he was stopped by a Marine sergeant.

"Hey, wait a second, bud," barked the Marine. "What outfit are you with?"

"The Coast Guard," replied the photographer.

The Marine looked at him for a second and then said: "I knew you guys were out here in the Pacific, but I didn't think you drove those landing barges THIS far inshore!"

First Vet Service Center Planned

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2 (FP) —This important war center will be the scene of the first veterans service center to be set up in the U. S.

Located in a central part of town, the center will house under one roof all agencies offering their services to veterans. Backed by the entire community, the center was planned at a conference attended by more than 400 representatives of civic groups, social agencies, AFL and CIO unions, government, army and navy organizations.

The ever-increasing number of veterans who are pouring into the city will be able to get aid on problems like these: Employment, vocational counseling, retraining and educational counseling, medical treatment and rehabilitation, family relationships, loans, technical and legal matters, health and welfare.

Comic Books Printed By CIO.

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The CIO has broken into a new field, and has just issued the first union comic picture booklet, two million copies of which have already come off the presses. Selling at 1c a copy, the unique cartoon book is printed in attractive colors, and tells the story of postwar CIO plans in picture form.

Covering the whole field of postwar problems, the pictures show the CIO's proposals for medical care, race equality, world federation, full employment, and a voice for labor in the councils of industry and government after the war.

Copies of the popular booklet are available by writing to Department of Research and Education, CIO, 718 Jackson Place, Washington 6, D. C.

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National Supply Unit News

By "Shorty" Sager

Thanks to the felows and girls who did the solicitation during the 5th War Loan Drive. Thanks particularly to all those who did a little bit better than usual and showed by their actions that they want to aid the war efort.

Special credit should be given to Bill Reeves who headed the drive. He was the spark plug that helped make the drive a most successful one.

AROUND THE SHOP

With the flat scraping going down, it looks like old times to see some of the boys going back to their old departments.

Tex Forlines is back on the gear cutter job after being absent due to illness for two weeks. Glad to see ya, Tex.

"Pinky," the big butter and egg man from Holland is getting to be quite a mechanic. Yeah, quite.

Johnny Fey, dept. 36, hasn't smiled for 40 years. If he could hear a few good corny jokes it might help. On the other hand maybe it's too late to do anything with the facial muscles which control the smiler.

Although dog licenses may be cheaper, Bob Gilhauser finally invested in a haircut.

That cookie duster which has appeared on the upper lip of that handsome time keeper in dept. 36 is a dilly. Is he trying to convince us or himself that he's a man?

Johnny Dynes will tell you on the slightest provocation about the big fish he caught while on his vacation. Ask him.

We extend our sympathy to Art Benbow who recently lost his wife.

Art Wise hobbled on crutches the other day to get his finger bandaged.

Charlie Rhorick, dept. 84 has returned to work after two weeks off occasioned by the illness of his father.

Bill Black is the new steward in dept. 84. Bill's a good fellow so give him your cooperation fellows and he'll give you his.

Local 12 is forming a committee to handle veterans affairs. The names addresses and telephone numbers of all World War veterans, War I or War II are being sought by the Local. Give any information you may have along this line to Ed. Fitzgerald, dept. 40 timekeeper.

UNIT MEETING — Thursday, August 3, 8:00 p. m. at Local 12. Be there.

BOWLING

All persons wishing to bowl in our Unit handicaps are asked to get in touch with Hestor Black. Bowling this year will be at the West Toledo Recreation Center, each Wednesday at 9:00 p. m.

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Auto-Lite Unit News

Orchids to the Auto-Lite blood donors, especially Frances Williams, dept. 10. Frances donated her blood to Mrs. Sid Curtis, wife of watchman Sid, and the patient is recovering rapidly.

Soft ball seems to have lost its interest for the girls. There is now but one team left. Up to the time the teams folded, dept. 2 had not been defeated. Delores Kreiger was elected captain of the APD All Stars.

Harold Anderson, dept. 2 was presented with a collection following his motorcycle accident Wednesday.

We extend our sympathy to Isabelle Michalak, dept. 2 whose father passed away Sunday night.

Madele Addes is trying to make up for Joe Manser by keeping the servicemen's committee busy.

Stewards Ray Hartwick dept. 3, and Jim Roberts, dept. 1, were the star bond sellers at APD.

Bob Burge, dept. 31 invited the assembly department to take part in another big party at Centenial Terrace. Mary, Hanna is in charge of arrangements. Give Bob a hand for extending his hospitality to his fellow workers.

Frank Shuff, committeeman, APD is back from a week's vacation with a good sunburn and plenty of perch.

In the men's soft ball competition, dept. 2 lost to Paul Becks team last Thursday, by a score of 5 to 11. The lads need practice. Henry Schiller of dept. 49 took care of the postgame thirsts.

Norm DuPont never realized how popular he was until he came to work sunburned and had everyone clapping him on the back. Ouch!

Al Banks, Committeeman and Bob Guncheon, dept. 2, foreman are co-owners of a sailing craft. They do some fishing together and report plenty of fish.

Neva Montague, former dept. 11 steward named her baby Ronald. Congrats.

Doris Banks on leave from the plant took unto herself Eddie Moore, so Banks is Banks-no-Moore.

Dorothy Murphy has been forced to return to the hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Thomas Piasecki, dept. 25 is back to work after his illness during which he received two transfusions.

To the questions from people as to who the Auto-Lite wife was who inserted that paragraph in last week's news. I can honestly say—I don't know. It wasn't entered by me.

With a dance and election in the offing, there will be plenty of excitement this week.

Selznick Enters Business

Ralph Selznick, former member of the Willys-Overland Unit and a former steward, is now in business for himself. He is part of a partnership in the Bayley Fur Company, 712 Madison Ave. His partners are Saul Held and Irving Shankin.

Bayley's carries a complete line of fur coats priced to fit any budget. During August they are offering special inducements in the way of lowered prices, storage, and other advantages attractive to the prospective purchaser.

Ralph Selznick will be happy to meet his friends at his new place of business. Drop in and say hello to him whether you are in the market for a fur coat or not.

Big Car Firms Block Making Autos Soon

WASHINGTON—(LPA)—Although a stalemate has been reached on putting into effect plans for making automobiles when Germany is defeated, the American worker can be pretty sure that when he does get his post-war car, it will cost more than the same kind of new car did before Pearl Harbor.

Ford dealers have already announced that an abridged Model A Ford will be available after the war, and one Washington dealer is quoting the price as $500. The last Model A Ford, produced in 1937, sold for $395 to $570, and such a 7-year old model now is considered by dealers as aimed for the lowest price range buyer.

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Seeing Eye—W-O Unit

Carl Eschedor's Pipe Dream: . . . We imagine a great many of our members know Carl as he is the successor of our old and lamented friend, Bill Moore, of the Employment Office. This is the dream that Carl has: First, a doorway with an archway with these words inscribed: Willys - Overland Employment Office, Carl Eschedor, Manager.

Since he has been given a car for his own personal use he doesn't do a great deal of walking. Someone told him how much walking his messengers, Norma McKeand, Lena Brown, Dorothy Gray, Sophia Duslak and Ethel Toda, do each day and how fast they wear their shoes out. He set out to measure the distance on the speedometer of his Americar and he was amazed at his findings. He made a request to the Management to buy five gas scooters and then proceeded into the next dream of his counter girls, Connie McLean, Fern Kesling and Madeline Mills, who had told him several times how hard the floor is and how it hurt their feet. Also, the stools at the counter are hard, so he ordered a nice thick rug, lama hair slippers and nice thick soft cushions.

He then thought of all the rest of the help in his department and remembered he had moved the seniority girls upstairs over the Employment Office directly behind the Ration Office, and he called them each off by name—Golda Beatty, Virginia Erswell, Marie Eads, Juanita Lee, the secretary on seniority, Lola Sindak, and Sabina Koczorowski, all presided over by Leo Pollas, who cut his eye teeth in this department.

Just about this time Carl remembered he had not scratched the surface on the amount of help he has in this department and what he would have to do to keep the rest out of his hair and he tried with all his sleeping brain to remember the following: Harry Piotrowski, Ira Dean, Jack Kesling, Richard Hoffman, who is a new father of a baby girl, and wondered if Eddie Otte, who is his first assistant, would tell Richard all he knew about the care of babies and also teach him his formula on the short cut on changing diapers.

He knew Betty Smith of the file desk as she has a beautiful head of auburn hair. Angela Brahier, Katherine Rinerger, Agnes Downs, Marjorie Borck, Dorothy Owczarzak, Betty La Bo, Inez Arrington, Mary Jane Kozlowski, Helen Emick and Patricia Hensler, all typists; Josephine Spence, file desk. All at once he started murmuring he wanted a leave of absence seeing this has been preying on his mind for some time and then remembered Alice Gozdowski, who has charge of this branch. She is short in stature, but oh, what a worker; in fact her partner, Myra Laird, will be like Alice if she works with her very long. And last, but not least, we have Anna Paterwich, secretary to the big shot. Just about this time Carl's wife woke him up and asked him outside of the few male names mentioned if all the rest were women and he said no, "I have five or six labor seelctors but they don't count as they are getting old and feeble." So that is the reason the boss has that guilty look on his face these days.

SYMPATHY

The officers and members of the Willys Unit would like to offer their sympathy to the families of the following brothers who have sacrificed their lives for our Great Democracy and for Free Labor. Let us all hope it was not in vain.

Pfc. Anthony Wieczorek 267-221.

Pvt. Ollie Szykowny, 307-190, killed in France July 4th, 1944.

Cpl. Theodore Stachowiak, 605711.

Pvt. Walter D. Malik, steward of Dept. 444, kiled in transit.

S/Sgt. H. E. Dickason, 307-213.

Warrant Officer Don Williams, husband of Margaret Williams, secretary of Dept. 404.

Pvt. William Riman, Dept. 987, killed in action in France.

Goodbye, brothers, we will meet some day on that everlasting picket line of God's Heaven.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your thoughtful kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated. The Flying Squadron, the workers of Dept. Nos. 267, 358, 243, 215, 541, 542, 543, and Local 12.

Signed Mrs. Arthur Cornell and Children.

SOFTIE

Some guys think Claude Hess is a tough guy. Maybe Claude himself thinks so. When he cocks his cigar at an angle, wrinkles his face and squints his eyes, some people get an idea that Claude is hard to get along with.

Under that hard exterior, there beats a tender heart of pure gold. No matter how hard you might think Claude is, you would know better if you could have seen him at the Walbridge Park operetta as he tenderly bent over his feminine companion and aided her to her place, showed his solicitude for her comfort, leaned this way and that way to see that she was able to see and hear, and in general conducted himself like Sir Walter Raleigh.

Then the supreme secrifice came. To show his consideration, reverence and adulation for his lovely companion, he removed his hat to suffer the attention of the winged pests which go buzz, buzz in your ear and then dive and suck your blood. Claude's nude dome shone in the light, as did his eyes. Ah! Can it be possible that love has come into our hero's life.

But no matter, brother Hess showed himself a tender and courteous gentleman, an eye-opener to those who think he eats rusty railroads spikes dunked in nitric acid for breakfast.

Airway Unit Airings

DELEGATE

Your Chairman wants to take this opportunity to express his appreciation for the splendid support given him at the July 26th election, for delegate to the International Convention. which is being held at Grand Rapids, Michigan in September. We feel the Air-Way Unit will be properly represented. I'm sure he will bring back all the information and present it at our regular meeting fellowing the conclusion of the Convention. And I might add the Election Committee consisting of Virginia Robie, Wanda Walker, Al Jankowski, and Stanley Brzezinski did a very good job, especially in tabulating the final results, everything proceeded in business-like fashion to the satisfaction of all.

GOOD STANDING

Those of you called back to work check your dues receipt. If you are suspended, you must pay your fine the same month you start working, otherwise yor fine increases another $5.00, so give this your prompt attention.

BACK TO WORK

Helen Reed started back to work last Monday after a prolonged absence due to illness. She is looking fine, feeling great and ready for any assignment including her committee work of which there will be plenty. That's the old spirit Helen.

PICNIC

I have had several requests for a picnic, the only drawback is not being able to get sufficient refreshments for a large gathering. so if anyone knows where we can get the beer let your Committee know. After all it isn't much of a picnic without the good old amber fluid or is it.

Commutator Comments

By Cliff Koepfler

SPECIAL

When an employee is absent from work, he or she must report back on the job on or before the 7th calendar day has elapsed or apply for a leave of absence. When applying for a leave of absence it is important that you contact one of your Unit officers, steward, committeeman or chairman. Remember, it's your seniority and you must help your officers protect it.

Cap Weckwert is so proud of his new steward button that he shines it every day.

Ollie Helnicki will gladly teach you Polish, only be careful who you speak the words that he teaches you.

With the football season not too far in the offing, a lot of us are wondering if Ann Sofalvi wants to place her dough on Waite again.

Charles (Oklahoma) Eis claims he is wearing FDR suspenders. He says they haven't let him down in 12 years and they are good for four more. If Dewey gets in he probably will be forced to wear them four or more years.

Be sure and register so you can vote for candidates favorable to labor.

In the past few weeks, we have reminded you to tune in on WTOL at 12:30 p. m. each Sunday and listen to the Local 12 radio program. With election coming closer, these programs are becoming much more important. Why not listen to "Labor Views and News" and find out the other side of the story after reading the bunk in the daily papers and having it rubbed into your ears over the radio each day?

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Management's theme song in grievance hearings seems to be "No, No, A Thousand Times No." This isn't far-fetched. All you need do is sit down and try and settle a grievance and you'll know exactly what I mean. Some day, and we have a hunch it won't be long, we are going to change that song.

The heat treat pan lifter and trucker has earned himself a new nickname "Simon Legree." The only bad thing is that the girls have heard about the emancipation and refuse to be driven. Nice going girls.

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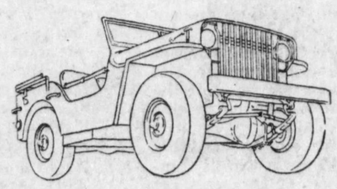

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Lost Rights

Europe echoes to the march of military feet, the clanking of tanks, the roar of bombers, the blast of block busters, the crash of buildings and the thud of human bodies falling dead, wounded, blinded and mained to an earth blackened by fire and desolated by war.

And the author of all this indescribable carnage, this madness of killing and being killed, came to power legitimately, by the vote of the German people.

In America, we prepare for a political campaign, which, while it may seem far removed from Europe, China and the Southern Pacific, is as important to us as the winning of the war, for upon the decision of the American people rests our future for many years to come.

While millions of Europeans await the coming of the Allies and the promise of Democracy, we in this country accept our rights and political good fortune in a matter of fact way, unmindful of our blessings.

This is no idle charge, but a self-evident fact, based not upon hear-say or snap judgment, but upon the figures of the Lucas County Board of Elections—50,000 voters, most of them workers, have lost their right to vote.

They tell us that the workers should stay out of politics and then ask us to vote for their candidates. Labor, they say, has no business to mingle in politics, as some stupid reactionary southern politician rises in Congress to make us the victims of a Smith-Connally Act.

Labor should not contribute to political campaigns, but rich men, their wives, sons, daughters, grandsons, grandmothers, and fourth cousins can contribute large amounts to the party which promises to keep labor in its place.

Similar things were said in Germany when Hitler was on his way up, the only difference being that Hitler double-crossed those who thought they were purchasing a willing tool.

But the 50,000 voters who have been disqualified in Lucas County, what are they going to be able to say, if, following this election they find an administration in Washington, which, while it may not employ storm troopers, will harass and possibly even destroy labor unions.

It doesn't cost anything to vote except a little effort, the first step of which is to register and qualify to vote. Having done that, the voter intelligently studies the candidate, makes a choice and votes; but the first step, the important step, is to register.

Will you register now and insure your political future, will you do this so that it can't happen here?

What Dewey Says

Several days ago, Governor Thomas Dewey, the Republican hopeful, warned the country that unless it elected him to the highest office in the land, there would be "another Roosevelt depression."

What does Dewey mean, another Roosevelt depression? There was only one depression in this country, and that came under Hoover. Not only did the depression come under Hoover, but it was nourished by his indifference, his stupidity and lack of ability to recognize what it was all about.

Does the charge that Dewey is a tool of Hoover, who has regained control of the Republican party, carry weight? Your right, it does, for Dewey himself, in his ridiculous charge, substantiates that charge and gives it significance.

Roosevelt not only inherited the Hoover depression, but he eased it to such an extent that the country was willing to trust him for three terms against Hoover's single term. More than this, it will probably trust his performance for 12 years against Dewey's promises of 12 days.

Governor Dewey was sold short when somebody wrote his Roosevelt depression speech for him, an incident which proves that an untried governor still does not have the qualifications to refute the hokum which his Hoover-inspired speech writer insisted upon him delivering.

It appears that Governor Dewey is going to learn something about politics during this campaign—the hard way.

What's New?

By *Edward Duck Educational Director, Local 12*

CAUSE AND EFFECT

There's a reason for everything.

If it were not for greed, intolerance, and an inclination toward discrimination on the part of corporate management and coupon-clippers, there would be no unionization of the working people, no need for protection.

If it were not for economic injustice and abuse of the privilege of ownership, regulation by legislation would be unnecessary.

If experience had not proved that free enterprise as we have come to understand it means freedom to exploit the wage earner and the consumer, we would not be so violently opposed to it.

If poverty, starvation, and disease had not become so well known to one-third of our Country's population, pronouncedly so under the unspeakable Hoover regime, we would not be insistent on the passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill or other forms of social legislation.

MAKING STATEMENT

If conservatives had not overstepped the bounds of fair play and of social and economic justice, progressives like LaFollette, Wagner Lucas, Pepper, Kilgore and others would not have become the statesmen that they are, and the Republican reactionaries would be having an even merrier holiday than they have been enjoying.

"As you sow, so shall you reap," is a biblical quotation which could bear repeating right here and now. It will indeed be interesting to witness the harvesting of the bumper crop of discontentment, the seeds of which were planted after the workers voluntarily surrendered their only effective weapon—the right to strike.

On the other hand, those corporations which wisely do not agitate or provoke their employees, or take advantage of the opportunity presented by wartime conditions, will, within a short time realize the wisdom of their philosophy.

I have in mind two particular plants in this community which present an excellent contrast. I have dealt considerably with both managements and have arrived at definite conclusions.

TWO PLANTS

One of these is the Surface Combustion Company. Acting upon the advice of its attorney, this management has not bargained in good faith with our organization. We cannot even obtain a record of the employees' earnings, which we must have in order to correct dozens of inequalities in wage rates. The management granted the AFL a closed shop before we won an NLRB election, but refused us union security while prevailing upon the War Labor Board to order a "no-strike" clause inserted in the contract. We have negotiated for 17 months and do not yet have a signed contract.

Wages are far below the WLB "sound - and - tested" rates, yet the company consistantly refused to negotiate wage adjustments, claiming that wage negotiations were "completed." A general wage increase has not been granted since February of 1942.

Guards receive 81c per hour; tool and die makers, $1.21; finished carpenters, 96c; crane operators 85c and 90c; gang leaders, $1.01; Class A electricians, 96c; inspectors 83c and 86c.

And this company expects the WLB to assist them in freezing the wages of these men! One could expect as much from a Cities Service affiliate, or any of the other Doherty interests, which include Community Traction, Toledo Edison, and other philanthropic institutions.

Contrast this story with the history of collective bargaining at the Toledo Packard plant. (See Page 1 on Packard contract.)

If Packard lives up to its contrast reconversion will be a simple matter. As for Surface Combustion — well, we will see.

"Experience keeps a dear school. Stick around when the war's over, and watch it!

KEEP THOSE JAWS OPEN!

It's News To Me . . .

By O. J. Pecord

HOPEFUL SIGN

For many years, the clerks in Lamson's and other downtown department stores have taken their weekly wages (pittances), smiled sweetly at the boss and gone home to puzzle over how they could make their small wages do big things.

This business of being an underpaid clerk is no joke, and what clerks are overpaid? Not only are the department store clerks supposed to smile at their customers, some of whom should be snarled at, but they must present themselves, neat and clean and well pressed before their customers.

One of the major mysteries of life to me, (I once worked in a Toledo department store myself) is how the girls can keep themselves so neat and fluffy and chic, and the men so snappy and well pressed on the lousy wages they get.

But, and this is the most hopeful sign I have seen in a long time, the department store clerks are awakening to the fact that they are being imposed upon. They are aware of their situation, and, wonder of wonders, they are beginning to act like they were going to do something about it.

THE BRAKE

Don't get the idea that organization among department store employes is something new. Of course it isn't. Remember Montgomery-Ward and Sewell Avery? Fifteen or 20 years ago, Avery's clerks would have fallen into a faint at his frown as they might grovel at his smile. Those days (we hope) are gone forever.

At any rate, Lamson's seems to be the focal point for an organizational drive which is rapidly showing not only the employes of that store, but employes of all downtown department stores that they have missed the boat by quite a few years, but that they can still catch it.

Only one thing stands in the way of the department store clerks getting a real union, real wages, better working conditions and all the other benefits that go with membership in a strong union—an association of Retailers under one Oscar Smith who has protected the stores from the organizers of real unions, and almost single-handed defeated the wishes of the store employes to organize into a strong union of their own choosing.

GUARDIAN ANGEL

Oscar Smith is a very bright man, in fact, he is so bright that he has managed to keep the workers in the downtown retail stores in the dark for years. He has been the guardian angel for the employers, and he is willing to continue as guardian for a consideration.

Nobody should be incensed against Oscar for what he has done and is doing to protect the department store operators from the employers and union organizers. After all, gentlemen must live, and Oscar is a gentleman.

Nor should Lamson's employes blame Oscar for what he has done to defeat their organization, or what he will still try to do to prevent them from picking their own union. Oscar is a genius. It was the child of his brain that created the conditions which prevail in the downtown department stores with respect to organization, and Oscar has a right to be proud of his handiwork.

Never did a poet read with greater pride, or a composer listen with greater rapture to their own compositions, than Oscar Smith as he gazes upon the underpaid, overworked department store clerks and hears tales of their discontent and grievances. He is the master mind who conceived the plan.

THE PLAN

When you see Oscar around town entering restaurants, theatres, or banks, you will note that he always enters by the front door. Don't let yourself be deceived. Without a doubt, Oscar has negotiated more back doors than any living Toledoan. If he had a coat of arms, you may be sure that it would picture a fountain pen and legal paper lying on a back door. Oscar doesn't go in for heraldy.

But Oscar's is the brain that conceived the plan, or perhaps it should be written **"THE PLAN"**, to keep the workers disorganized, to saddle contracts upon them they do not want and never have agreed to, to make the whole thing legitimate and to go on his merry way looking for more lambs to shear.

How Oscar does it is a separate story that will be told in the fullness of time. How he manages to get away with his PLAN will be told by the workers themselves. Right now, it appears that Mr. Smith is in for a surprise or two or maybe even three, because even if the people who work at Lamson's don't get the kind of money Oscar does, they are aware of what has been going on. They may be underpaid, but they are not underintelligent.

If any of the employes of Lamson's see this, and some of them will, I want to say that their awakening has been good to see, that it is going to be a pain in the neck for some of the big shots and their hired "brains" and that it is going to give them real results in the long run.

In the meantime, Oscar Smith and his stooges, (all big men have stooges) are running around wondering what's coming. And it is coming, and you, the employes of Lamson's are going to administer it.

Editor's Mail

Toledo, Ohio
July 29th, 1944

To The Editor:

The delegate elections held or being held, and the coming conventions which will establish the policies of our organization for the coming year, naturally bring out feeling and expressions regarding the issues involved.

Democratic proceedure permits free expressions of opinions and positions. Those who refuse to acknowledge these truths should read the bill of rights in our country's constitution. THEY meet freely and at will, speak freely, distribute their own slates, but would deny the same privilege to others.

The (E. D.), meaning Educational Director, should learn of these things. Reference to "Little Men With Big Mouths," "Defeated Politicians," etc., are permissable but not particularly well chosen. The one fact that really stands out is, that he is still using his column in our Local 12 newspaper to carry on a personal feud, our Regional Director's statement to the contrary notwithstanding. How long will it continue?

Robert Bachar
Member AL Unit.

Editor's Note: Robert Bachar, is a regular contributor to this column. I would suggest that he accept Ed Duck's standing open challenge to a debate if he has a story to present.

Servicemen's Letters

Looks To Future

July 15, 1944

Dear Dick:

I have changed addresses due to a transfer. You will find my new address in the upper right hand corner. So any mail or anything for me please forward it to me through this new address.

I received your letter of June 1, 194- for which I was very pleased and sincerely wish to thank you.

The boys are doing a fine job at present and at the present rate of speed they are travelling, most anything can happen now. We are all praying that it is soon over with.

I can easily see by your letter that you and the rest of the boys are also doing a fine job on the home front. All I hope and pray is that when I return, I will be able to get my old job back and continue on as before.

Well, Dick, I must close for now hoping to hear from you soon.

Fraternally yours,
Cpl. A. J. Wimberly,
Army Postal Unit—543
APO 5343, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

On The Beam

By *Clayton W. Fountain*

Of course, we will campaign for Roosevelt and Truman.

And we will also continue to support the principle of maintenance of fire departments.

That's the kind of a political situation we are in. Lacking the opportunity to vote for the elimination of fires, sensible people must vote for those candidates who are at least smart enough to put out fires.

But the dark brown taste of the outcome of the Democratic National Convention will linger long to pollute the palates of genuine democrats.

In effect, the Chicago conclave was a kind of a miniature Munich. It resulted in appeasement of the political bosses and the Southern white supremists instead of in a triumph for democracy.

Bluntly speaking, the old double-cross was worked with fatal finesse. Wallace got the gate, and the bedroom doors were thrown open to admit the hacks and the hoodlums.

NO PATIENCE

I have no patience with those practical souls who say it has to be this way. That kind of practicality is too much like the plight of a man locked in a do or die wrestling match with a bear.

The practical thing to do in a situation like that is to turn loose of the bear and run like hell. But even then you are not sure that bruin will not catch up with you and give you the old squeeze play.

I once read a story about a Mississippi riverman who was caught in such a situation. Captured by Indians, he was given a sporting chance for his life. They put him in a pen to wrestle with a bear. He had to whip the bear in order to win his freedom.

Schooled in the riverman's wrestling skill, the captive promptly grappled with the beast and gouged out both of his eyes with his thumbs. Then he gave it the coup de grace with his hunting knife.

WHAT IT TAKES

All of which goes to prove that, if you have got what it takes, the practical thing to do is to stand up and fight, instead of turning tail and scooting for cover.

Translated into its political parallel, this means that I think that the Democrats could have won with Wallace on the ticket.

His nomination would have scared away some bossistic votes and some white supremistic votes; that I admit. But who in hell wants to sleep with the goons and the lynchers, anyway?

On the other hand, the defeat of Wallace will cost the ticket the support of some honest democrats and progressives who just cannot bend over low enough to get their arms around the shoulders of snakes-in-the-grass.

Votes are lost either way; so why not make the good fight?

ENOUGH TEARS

Well, I guess I have spilled enough tears in my beer for this piece.

Yes, I will work for the election of Roosevelt and Truman. But I refuse to put all my eggs in the basket of the Democratic Party. It is woven too loosely, and the eggs too easily fall through the holes in its bottom.

I shall continue to advocate the formation of a new people's party—a party free of grafting hacks and lynching hoodlums.

Every dog has his day—even the lowly underdog. A time will come, in the not too distant future, when enough decent Americans will rise up to call for and get a new political deck.

Then the Democratic hacks and hoodlums will be forced to sleep in the bed they belong in—with the Republican plutocrats and phonies.

And then the common folks of America will be able to make democratic political decisions without suffering the indignity of kissing the rear ends of fakirs and fatheads.

Regional Views

By *Richard Gosser*
Director Region 2B, UAW-CIO

In the 31 months this country has been in the war, it has, by reason of its wartime production, military efforts, lend-lease and other factors, piled up the largest public debt in its history.

To partially liquidate the debt, or prevent it from reaching an inconceivable amount (its already astronomical) the people of the country are paying taxes such as they have never paid before.

According to the leading economists, we must liquidate our public debt, and we must do it, not by declaring it repudiated, not by juggling our monetary system, but by the people paying off the debt accumulated in their name and, we hope, in their interest.

How do we pay our national debt if not out of income the same as we pay our private debts. This means, that in order to pay the debt which this country has amassed before and during the war, the citizens of the country will be compelled to dig down in their pocketbooks and come up with the money.

NECESSARY EMPLOYMENT

Where will the people get the money with which to pay their taxes and reduce the public debt? From their wages, salaries and other sources of income. Thus, if there is widespread unemployment following the war, the debt will not be paid off as rapidly as it should be, and the people will be paying interest charges which may actually add to the principal of the debt.

In the light of this fact, it looks to me like the only answer to the problems of peace, including the right of the workers to live in decency and with a reasonable measure of security, is to provide full employment in the postwar period.

If any considerable unemployment comes after the war, it will no doubt lead to serious difficulties, for the unemployed are of no economic value to the country, but are, in reality, a positive drain upon our economy.

Enlightened self interest should compel even some of the more reactionary to see the necessity of providing work for the people who are able and willing to work. It should cause them to recognize the necessity of cooperation between the workers, the employers and govrnment, as well as international cooperation between nations.

Upon the solutions of problems relating to employment, debt and international relations does our postwar era depend. Peace and prosperity, or war, and suffering and death are going to be determined to a considerable extent upon the economic arrangements which come after the shooting is over and the victors sit down to discuss what they are going to do about this world.

As we approach the end of the war, we recognize more clearly than ever that labor must have a voice at the peace table and that its whole future, as well as the future of the world, is going to depend upon how labor fares in the postwar period.

From The Desk

of

Melvin Schultz

President, Local 12, UAW-CIO

SOCIAL LEGISLATION

We have discussed public works as a supplement to private industry to provide full employment in the postwar period. It was pointed out that public works, if properly administered, can prevent widespread suffering, but public works should only be used to the extent necessary to assure full employment.

Methods to make private industry provide employment also must be used. Some of these are: the present system of unemployment insurance must be broadened. First, it must be federalized instead of administered by the individual states. Second, the weekly compensation must be increased to $40 for a period of 30 weeks.

Old age and survivors insurance must be increased to provide more adequate benefits.

There must be legislation which will provide for adequate medical and hospital care for all workers and their dependents.

There must be a disability insurance plan to provide for weekly income for workers who are temporarily or permanently injured.

RESOURCES

It is an undisputed fact that we have the manpower, the machinery and the natural resources to provide a good standard of living for all our people.

Experience has proven that unless production of goods is planned to provide for full employment and social security for all our people, the mere fact that we have the means does not guarantee that we shall have a state of affairs under which there shall be work at living wages for all.

The very first step in bringing to realization the postwar program of the UAW-CIO is for the workers to register so they can vote.

A successful postwar program can only be attained through the enactment of social legislation, and this legislation will not be enacted unless the workers express their feelings through the ballot.

Man With Many Beards

The man with the many beards, as you can see from the bulbous nose, is W. C. Fields, one of the headliners in the sensational new musical "Sensations of 1945" at the Valentine Theatre through United Artists release. Fields wears thechin spinach for one of his famous comedy routines. This is how he looks when he's "all together."

News and Gossip of Stage and Screen

The Waggin' Tongue

Of Local 12

"None but the well-bred man knows how to confess a fault or acknowledge himself in error." —Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin some 200 years ago observed that most people (young people especially) are too stubborn to give in to the other fellow—to the fellow who is right. Out of bull-headedness he'll cling to an idea knowing he is wrong. He'll stand for a principle knowing all the time its against the general welfare of his fellow-workers. He knows that the other fellows are obeying a regulation, yet all through life he'll try to get away with things refusing to admit he's doing the wrong things, that he's anti-social in attitude.

After all, regulations are rules for general order and you'll admit we must have a plan of order, a method of controlling a large group of live-wired fellows, and fellows of many interests who have never been members of a labor organization before and are tempted many times to go wild. The point is, that rules are made to be obeyed.

TWO PARTY LINE

We heard that Pvt. Ollie Szykowny formerly of the W. O. Unit was killed in action somewhere in France, last month. (We knew Ollie very well and though he wasn't as tall as his brother Ed, nevertheless he was another one of our boys who gave everything he had.)

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Ollies wife and family.

We also heard that several members of the Canco Unit donated a jug of blood last Thursday. Three deposited theirs at the blood bank of St. Vincent's hospital and two at the bank of the Red Cross.

In behalf of both blood banks and a member of the Canco Unit, who is a patient at the hospital, we wish to thank the boys out there. Thanks a lot gang.

And that patriotism is surely something more than knowing the Pledge of Allegiance, because some people buy Victory Bonds, some give their blood, and others give their lives.

Let's not let those blue service stars turn to gold. Let's keep on buying Bonds and keep them!

PLEASE! DON'T ASK US

Why we close our eyes and shudder when we think of the Willys Overland Unit's golf tournament at Sunningdale? (Replace that divot, please!)

Why you never saw Josephine Sedlar, Rose Duganiero or Betty Jane Delamotte of Department 382 at W. O. dancing the rhumba at Havana Cafe, or enjoying Miami sea bathing in the winter, or driving a sixteen-cylinder car? (Who has more fun than us poor people, eh girls?)

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ARNOLD ON HOLIDAY

Edward Arnold on completing final scenes for "Mrs. Parkington" at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, left to spend his vacation at the famous annual Bohemian Club reunion at the Bohemian Club, Redwood Grove, near San Francisco.

Tommy Dorsey and his band this week recorded "I Should Care' for "Thrill of a Romance," starring Van Johnson, Esther Williams and Lauritz Melchoir. The picture is directed by Richard Thorpe, produced by Joe Pasternak.

FLIERS HONOR STARLET

A B-24 bomber in North Africa has been named the "June, Too," in honor of June Lockhart, actress appearing in "Son of Lassie." "The best synonym for heaven we can think of," wrote the plane's crew.

HOLLYWOOD LOOK-ALIKER

The resemblance between Kay Williams, "Ziegfeld Follies' beauty, and Dorothy Kingsley, writer at the same studio, is remarkably striking.

The other day, Miss Williams greeted her "twin" with "You look very well today, don't I!"

LANA AUTHENTIC WAC

Lana Turner's complete WAC wardrobe arrived at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios this week for her film starring role as a Women's Army Corps recruit.

The wardrobe is exactly the same as is issued to all WAC's and includes the new tropical summer uniform as well as the "date dress."

MOVIE NOVELTY

A photographic innovation is employed for Pete Smith's "Sports Quiz," 90% of which is in slow motion. This permits audience to follow high speed sports action that normally eludes the average eye. Reel is the eighth of Smith's question-and-answer series originally launched in 1940 with "What's Your I. Q.?"

BANTAM AUTHORESS

Moppet star Margaret O'Brien wrote a story the other day. It was five lines long.

Handing it to her mother to read, the seven-year-old waited batedly for some comment. Noting her mother's hesitation, Margaret blurted out, "Is the word you want to say one I heard today, mother?

And what word was that, Margaret?" asked Mrs. Gladys O'Brien.

Margaret's answer was "Corny."

"The Canterville Ghost" Playing This Week At Loew's Esquire

In her brief four years as a motion picture actress, little Margaret O'Brien has won more hearts than a pin-up girl. Her conquests have included Mickey Rooney, Robert Young, Orson Welles, James Craig, Van Johnson, Lionel Barrymore and a ghost.

This latter character, in the person of Charles Laughton in his role in "The Canterville Ghost" was a bit frightening at first. Like most tots of her age, Margaret has been conditioned against ghosts and goblins. But Laughton was somewhat of a child psychologist. When the initial shock of his luminous grey make-up were off he explained that, after all, he was just a "very tired old ghost who wasn't eating or sleeping very well."

From that moment Margaret rushed to his defense. She coaxed his appetite with "treats" brought from home. She urged him to take naps. Today she refuses to hear any fictional ghost maligned on the grounds that the author had never met a real ghost. After all, she had.

COULD HAPPEN. This anecdote has been rationed out to the columnists for the past year. This is my month. A movie scout at the Prime Rib the other night said: "That girl would be a find for pictures. What's her name?" "Oh," said his companion, "that's Shirley Temple."

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Bracket Racket Is Hit By Watt

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A new attack on the "bracket racket" was launched here this week by Robert Watt, AFL international representative, and member of the War Labor Board. This system used by the War Labor Board to determine wage rates has been under fire by both AFL and CIO unions for many months, but is still used as a regular practice by the WLB.

The "racket" started in May, 1943, when James F. Byrnes, economics stabilization director at the time, issued a directive giving the WLB power to correct wage inequalities when they fall below brackets of "sound and tested" rates for specific jobs in the various WLB regions.

The way brackets are computed, Watt pointed out, is by collecting a weighted average of wages paid for particular occupations in each region. From that, 10 per cent is subtracted to determine the "minimum." Wage inequalities can be remedied only up to that minimum.

Another criticism Watt makes is that the wage figures collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for determining brackets is not open to examination by the unions, and is often furnished by employers without allowing the investigators access to payroll records.

Day Camps Mooting Vacation Care Need

WASHINGTON — (LPA) — Junior and his little sister aren't on the streets those vacation days in cities like San Diego and Atlanta, where community sponsored, publicly financed day camps are now in operation.

The Office of Community War Services, commenting on this new development, says that play centers for children are reaching new heights of popularity.

Famed Pianist Makes Bow

Seven round trips between California and New York in 32 days is Jose Iturbi's record. The famed Spanish-born pianist and musical conductor, who makes his movie bow in a featured role in "Private Miss Jones," soon to be seen at Loews Valentine, says that he has spent much more time in the past three years in Pullmans and airplanes than in his own Beverly Hills bed.

He is quite philosophic about it. He doesn't mind the sort of round-the-clock and round-the-country high-presure peregrination that would make the average temperamental musician tear up his contracts and the average citizen head for a sanitarium. Physically rugged, with flashing, intelligent dark eyes and a happy mixture of self-imposed self-composure and Gallic vivacity, Mr. Iturbi has so far been able to stand any schedule his agents and his appreciative public have foisted upon him. He looks none the worse for it, and may be off on a 25,000-mile tour of South America sometime in the spring. He'd like at least forty-eight hours notice before undertaking this, but otherwise views the prospect without alarm.

That Beverly Hills bed does have a very substantial appeal, Mr. Iturbi admits. Three years ago he bought a house out there —one of those illusory "permanent homes" in which roving international celebrities invest. He has lodged his family there ever since, but he himself has had relatively little time to enjoy the plush mattress and Spanish-style balcony of his California chamber. The only exception was a three-months' spell during which he rehearsed for and appeared in "Private Miss Jones" at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

New Film Story Tests Young Actors' Talents

HOLLYWOOD—Offering rare opportunity to young acting talent on any movie lot, Producer Sam Marx has written a story which he will also produce. It is titled "I Can If I Try," and John Twist has been signed to do the screen adaptation.

Marx describes the plot as a "Cinderella story," the tale of an ambitious movie extra and a sympathetic test director who film their own production at night after the studio closes. Jan Clayton and Tom Drake, currently before cameras in Marx's "Airship Squadron 4," are slated for lead roles. Balance of the cast, according to present plans, will be filled by young actor contractees at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Philip Dorn To Play First Light Film Role

HOLLYWOOD—Philip Dorn will have his first role in a screen comedy in the masculine lead opposite Mary Astor in "Autumn Fever," which will also be Richard Whorf's first assignment as a director. Production is scheduled for Aug. 1.

Dorn's role will have him portraying a suave, sophisticated European, manager of a smart cafe at Lake Tahoe and the husband of Miss Astor, who falls for a flirtatious girl. The girl will be Gloria Grahame, Los Angeles beauty who is making her screen debut after roles on the Chicago and New York stage.

"Autumn Fever" is adapted from Ferenc Molnar's play "Delilah.' It will be produced by William H. Wright.

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Floral

White crepe splashed in a beautiful floral motif is fashioned into an interesting side drape afternoon dress, modeled by Dolores Moran appearing in Warner Bros. film "The Horn Blows at Midnight." Dolores wears a curvet of black velvet with her long bob.

Clayton Tries Reply to Farmers Union Charges

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Will L. Clayton, Surplus War Property Administrator, on July 24 announced that the government will follow a policy of selling surplus real estate in family-size parcels and to farm purchasers who will cultivate the land themselves.

The statement came as a direct reply to the recent charges of James C. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union that administration by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation of the program to dispose of 8,000,000 acres of farm land acquired by the government during the war would result in domination of the program by the National Association of Real Estate Boards and result in helping the big landlord interests.

Clayton's statement said that all land would be appraised by "experienced and disinterested men" usually drawn from the local community. It brought an immediate reply from Patton who insisted that "This means that the wishes of the National Association of Real Estate Boards and its affiliates are to be followed and that private realtors and appraisers will be able to make a 'killing' regardless of the interests of agriculture."

According to spokesmen for the family-sized farmers here, several congressmen are considering an investigation of the whole land disposal program unless Clayton proposes a program satisfactory to the small farmers.

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Seen On a Hollywood Movie Set

HOLLYWOOD — Esther Williams is in a swimming tank making underwater ballet scenes for "Ziegfeld Follies." She's waiting for the electrician to achieve the desired lighting effect.

Around the tank the talk is about Joe Ruddy, famed water polo player, who reputedly could stay under water three minutes. Poohpoohed Esther: "That's nothing: I can stay under five minutes"—and down into the depths she sank.

Watches came out. When five minutes passed with no sign of Esther, there was a ripple of consternation. At that point came a sudden peal of laughter from behind overhanging scenery at the far end of the tank, and out of its concealment floated Esther. She readily confessed to the hoax but declared ruefully she wasn't sure whether the joke was on her or the others.

"I held my breath practically the whole five minutes anyway," she spluttered, "for fear I would burst out laughing too soon!"

Dog Star's Fans Are Too Admiring

HOLLYWOOD — Lassie, collie dog star, almost suffered the fate of a shorn sheep recently.

The dog with its beautiful gold, white and black ruff was surrounded by admiring youngsters at a Hollywood park, where location scenes were being filmed for "Son of Lassie." Before the director was able to stop the young souvenir seekers seven kids had clipped locks from Lassie's lush ruff.

The little fans were cautious to limit their adulation to giving Lassie a pat on the head!

Famed Fat Comic Proves Good Chef

HOLLYWOOD—When Oliver Hardy was cast as a chef in "The Home Front," he was cast more true to type than imagined.

Hardy returned to the studio recently after two days off and was deeply sunburned.

He'd put in the two days picking fruit at his San Fernando Valley, Calif., farm and, rigged out in a kitchen apron, helped Mrs. Hardy put it up. They made 62 quarts of boyenberry jelly, 60 quarts of apricot butter and 50 quarts of plum jam.

"No matter what hapepns, we eat," beamed the rotund comedian.

Comic, As Lady-Killer, Outrivals Frank Sinatra

HOLLYWOOD—It could only happen here! Comedian Rags Ragland is going romantic!

At least, on the screen in his new picture, "Anchors Aweigh." Rags, burly funnyman, who scarcely could be considered the "leading man" type, has not one but a dozen girls in the new Technicolor musical.

As a running gag in the film, Ragland will be seen with a girl every time he comes on the screen, and always a different girl.

Which gives Rags the last laugh on Frank Sinatra, starring in the same picture. "The Voice" plays a lonesome sailor who can't get a girl!

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Newly-Weds

An unhappy looking couple perhaps, but newly-weds just the same. Bette Davis, as Fanny Trellis and Claude Rains in the title role "Mr. Skeffington," have just been married and are returning to New York. The ferry musicians fail to recognize them as bride and groom, and a damper has been cast on the occasion. Playing this week at Rivoli Theatre.

Astaire's Reign As Dance King Is Lengthy One

HOLLYWOOD (Special)—Chalk up 1944 as a Fred Astaire year—he's forty-five years old and has been dancing forty years!

When he and his sister, Adele, made their vaudeville debut in Patterson, New Jersey, he was just five.

Today's he's the one star who goes straight through the all-star "Ziegfeld Follies," dancing in six of the production numbers, and he hasn't missed a year of dancing in between his fifth and his forty-fifth years!

What's more, "Ziegfeld Follies" gives him the chance he's been waiting for—a dance sequence which is one hundred per cent Astaire.

Is Versatile Star

In "If Swing Goes I Go Too," one of the six Astaire numbers in the "Follies," the dancer not only created the dance pattern for his own steps, but in addition wrote the lyrics, the music, arrangements for the drums used in it and it's Astaire, not his ghost who plays those drums, too. Then he also sings!

This isn't the first time the star has invaded Tin Pan Alley. He's a bona-fide member of ASCAP, has such songs as "Blue Without You," "I'll Never Let You Go," "Tappin' the Time," and "Building Up to An Awful Let Down" to his credit. The latter, he'll have you know, made the Hit Parade.

"Ziegfeld Follies" gives him a chance to use both his head and his feet.

New Dance Partner

In it, he has a beautiful girl for a dancing partner. She's Lucille Bremer of New York who matches steps with him for another one of the spectacular dances, titled "This Heart of Mine." Combined in his six dances are more than a dozen individual routines including ballroom, tap, ballet, eccentric, and soft shoe, a veritable cavalcade of terpsichore.

But he had to wait forty years to achieve this ambition to show that there's more than one type of dancing for a dancing star.

Does he try to hide that forty-fifth birthday?

"Heck no," shouts Astaire, 'hide it? Say, I've been on my feet for forty years and I haven't tripped yet!"

"Reverse English" Career For Starlet

HOLLYWOOD—After spending four years perfecting her diction prior to starting her theatrical career, Pamela Britton has become the victim of one of Hollywood's famed ironies.

When the blonde beauty joined the cast of "Oklahoma" last year, she had to develop a Southern drawl for her role in "Oklahoma.'

Pamela was brought to Hollywood to play opposite Frank Sinatra in the Technicolor musical, "Anchors Aweigh."

Much to her amusement, she is now learning to speak in a Brooklynese accent for her role as a waitress.

Pretty Stage Star In Screen Bow

HOLLYWOOD—Marjorie Davies, young vivacious brunette from the George Abbott Broadway show, "Highland Fling", has been signed by M-G-M.

Miss Davies and Ginny Simms have been friends for seven years—having met while posing with a department store Santa Claus in Chicago. Then each was just beginning a career—Ginny as a singer with Kay Kyser's band, and Marjorie as an actress in the stage show "Brother Rat."

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Local 12 Bowling League Prepares For 1944-45 Season

Preparations for the 1944-45 Local 12 bowling season are on in full swing. Ed Mandy reports that the response to his announcement of last week has been so gratifying that it was deemed advisable to get th eentry blanks printed and prepar efor the coming season.

Below will be found the entry blanks which teams are asked to fill out at the earlest possible time. The sooner the teams signify their intention of bowling, the sooner the arrangements will be made for alleys, hours of bowling and other necessary arrangements which must be made.

More Teams

Mr. Mandy stated that if necessary, two class B or Standard Leagues would be formed, if more than one team wished to enter from some of the larger plants. Championship rolloffs might be arranged at the end of the season to determine the champions if more than one Standard League is organized.

Application blanks are printed in this paper for the convenience of those units which are desirous of entering one or more teams in bowling leagues sponsored by Local 12 for the coming season.

As in the past year, the most attractive prize list in the city will be offered Local 12 keglers. Each team will be requested to post $50.00 entry fee.

APPLICATION

For League Bowling

Leagues Sponsored by Local 12

Teams Averaging 850 and Under Will Enter Class B.
Teams Averaging 860 and Over Will Enter Class A.

Name of Factory Unit.....

Last Year's Team Average.....

Team average should be compiled by taking the combined averages of the bowlers as of last year.

PLEASE SEND ENTRY IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

ED MANDY, Bowling Director,
UAW-CIO, Local 12,
425 Winthrop St.,
Toledo 10, Ohio.

Report Good Fishing In Lake Erie

COLUMBUS, Aug. 1— Ohio's Lake Erie commercial fishermen are holding up their end of the work of helping to feed America, and probably some outlying countries and allied service people, in spite of labor shortage, increased cost of equipment and scarcity.

Reports from the industry indicate that fish are plentiful in the lake and large catches have been made. The spring season, one of the best of recent seasons, began on March 15 and ends August 31; the fall period opens September 1 and runs till December 15, with new license required for each netting season. Licenses issued in 1943 totaled 13,923, and so far in 1944 there have been 11,527.

To give some notion of the extent of activities these license figures for 1944 are interesting; Trap nets, 114 licenses for 4,038 nets at $2.00 per net; Dip Nets, 35 at $2.00 each; Seines 54 at 7½c a rod, minimum $5.00; Trot Lines 416 at $2.00; Fyke nets, 26 licenses for 188 nets at $2.00 per net; boat with gill nets an bar nets, 79.

Anglers are reporting good catches of pickerel the past week or two.

Do's and Don'ts For Fishermen

COLUMBUS, Aug. 1.—This is the time of year when multiplied instances of drownings in the lakes and streams of Ohio are reported, with many of the victims being fishermen. Personal injury and death may occur in other ways, however. In this connection the Division of Conservation offers these seven Do's and Dont's to help fishermen to keep out of trouble:

1. Protect your head with a wide brim hat and wear clothing adequate for protection from wind and insect bites.

2. Carry a vacuum bottle or flask of good drinking water. Drinking lake or stream water that has not been boiled is dangerous.

3. Be cautious while in a boat, especially when wearing rubber boots or other clothing that will hamper you in swimming.

4. When bait-casting from a boat, use the overhand cast so you will not endanger your companions.

5. Carry a first aid-kit and promptly sterilize scratches and punctures from hooks and fish fins, which often cause infection.

6. Should a fishhook become buried in the flesh, don't try to pull it out. Push it on around and out through the skin. Cut off the barb with the wire cutter or pair of pliers which should always be in your kit, then the hook may be extracted easily.

7. Don't venture out on the water in stormy weather. When the weather is threatening, head for shore.

Auto-Lite Has Star Girls Team

Aviation Products division of the Auto-Lite has an All Star girls softball team which is attracting considerable favorable attention. Brilliant playing has been in evidence in the game that girls have played this season including some spectacular hitting.

Those who refer to the female sex as the gentler sex would be surprised at the extra base hits and home runs, one of which has marked every game the girls have played this season. The team name "Wildcats" fits the spirit of the girls who are scrapping for victory each time out.

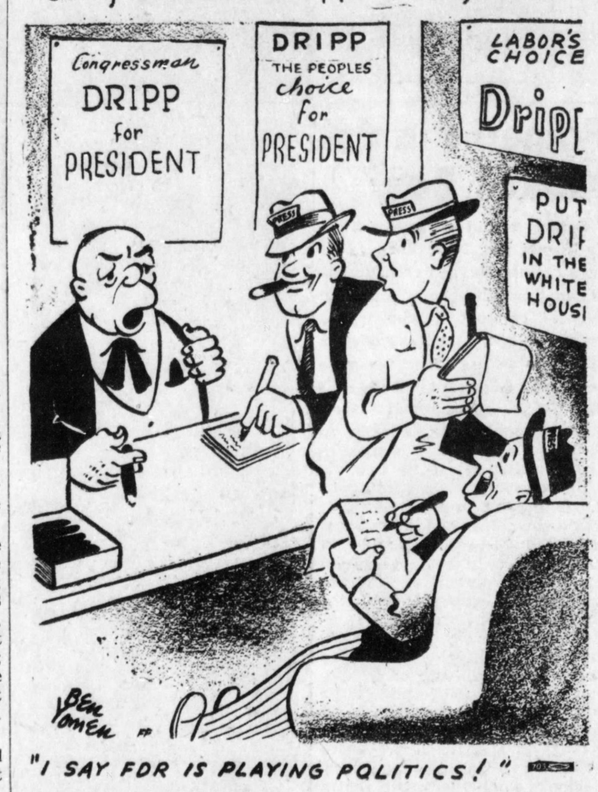
Games with girl teams from other plants are being arranged and will be announced as they are scheduled. Any girls team wishing games can make arrangements through Howard Cutcher, Chairman of the Auto-Lite executive committee.

Many Fires Reported

LANSING, July 31—Eighty-five fires, largest number reported during any week this summer, give emphasis to the conservation departments' appeal to resorters and berry pickers to help safeguard the state's forests.

Several women are serving as fire watchers this summer in the 137 towers of the departments' forest fire protection system.

Loss so far this year in 890 fires totals 12,513 acres.



Lakeside Unit Chatter

Editor's Note: The correspondent for the Lakeside Unit has taken a serious step. During the time she is away on her honeymoon, others in the shop will pinch hit.

OPEN LETTER

To Members of Lakeside Unit:

To begin with, I would like to thank all the people in our shop for the fine cooperation they have given me during the time I have held office. This proves that you have the stuff that it takes to make good unionism.

All of us need a little dusting off at times. Good union men and women are needed now more than ever before. Your union doesn't only mean an organization that procures raises for you now and then, or aids in improving your working conditions; but something more than that. We know our union work is back of us every step of the way. Our union can only be as good as we members make it.

As the war nears its end, it will bring critical times at Lakeside and the other industrial plants. If we remain united, we can face this future with confidence and carry through successfully.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Melvin Schultz for the understanding and cooperation he has given us. We of the Lakeside Unit are proud to be affiliated with Local 12. Our attendance which has nearly doubled in the past two months is proof of the interest our members are taking in their union. It is my hope that our union, particularly our union will constantly improve and I am sure our members have the qualifications to bring about that improvement.

Fraternally,
Maxine Comfort
Unit Chairman.

Has that gal Vallie Klos got personality plus? She reecntly received 3 dozen eggs for having the prettiest smile. Or was it for something else, Vallie?

Thelma Snell sure can think up the most unique excuses for being late. Her home burns or she has to change tires.

Mary Barron is walking around the place with such a satisfied look. Don't keep it from us Mary.

We're all glad to see Martha Ray back.

Helen Frisch had a birthday which was August 1. We wish you many more of them.

Cele Mack tells us she is on a diet. Take it easy on that "cream of mushroom soup!"

Canco Unit Opener

By Ted Modrowski

IT'S WORTH IT

"Thanks fella, that was a swell job. It is high time we were being paid on the job. I can say it's worth a buck a week for that service." The above was told to your reporter after the first pay during working hours. We can agree with what was said except that the thanks go to the entire Committee. You see that is the way this Committee operates, not independent of each other, but as a singular unit.

With the continued support of the entire membership, the Committee is sure that we will all realize benefits to a greater degree than ever before. They are depending on you for that continuous cooperation.

IT'S RARE

Floyd Madrzykowski was among the group of three Committee men who acted as blood donors last week, but was of little use. The attendant at the hospital said there were only four types of blood that were of any use to humans and since Floyd was not one of these four they could not use him.

He isn't the kind of guy to give up so easily and that same night paid a visit to the Red Cross and donated his share to do it's job in the war. The only thing now that is bothering Floyd is the fact that the blood was put into a bottle labeled "For Canine Corps." How come Floyd?

HERE AND THERE

Mary Chizmar sure has a system that must work. She took her vacation a week ago and comes back to work with a great big sparkler. Congratulations Mary and we'll bet he's cute too.

Pauline Ritchie, our Steward in department 2 is sparring a few rounds with old man flue. Let's see you deliver that knockout punch Pauline and get back here with us.

We saw Hank Gehrholz the other day and he is resting very nicely after his mishap on the dock the other day. It wouldn't be a bad idea to drop in and exchange a few words with Hank occasionally. He'll be there for quite a spell and a visit now and then will hasten that time and Hank will sure appreciate it.

Mose Brown set an all time record for himself the other day by paying his dues before the last two days of the month. It's about time Mose and it wasn't any harder to do was it.

An appeal will soon be made for blood donors to be active in the American Can Unit Blood Donors Club. It is a worthy cause and every member and his family enjoy the benefits of it. It is something that is better to have and not need it than need and not have. Help us will you?

Mather Unit Mutterings

By Jim Foltz

A note from John Marcella and the boys working nights says: The heat wave played tricks with the boys in the forge room. Hap McNeal wears a long tailed coat handed down by his grandpappy and resembles. "Keep me cool says Hap." Burt Kuebbler trying to eat peanuts, not realizing his chow grinders were in for repairs. Tony Kosneck comes to work, wearing an unusual attire. Zebra striped sweater, a pair of shorts and Romeo house slippers. Looks like a kindergarden scholar and the boys treat him as such. Hope it rains soon or we'll all go berserk.

What has happened? Lorin Bricker breaking in as sweeper since Jocko left us? Class "B" millwright work?

Very touchy subject: Mr. Easterly called in stewards and entire shop committee. What was Bill Lewandowski doing?

Did you notice the picture of stringer of fish, caught at Button wood? Posted on office window in forge.

Mr. P. Henderickson and Mr. Geo. Secor were two of the first in our parking lot to receive notification their cars bore no USE stamp. Haw!

Chas. A. Joseph, an employee of Mather for 29 years passed away July 22. Many will remember Tony because of his unyielding faith in the New York Giants and ability to state facts and figures on baseball history and players.

Another worker Frank Strance passed away July 23. He too was an old timer here, well known to many.

Pete Olszewski is slowly on the mend at St. Vincent Hospital. His wife and family send a note of thanks to boys for our kindness. Hurry and get well Pete, we miss you.

N. H. Burke is another of our patients holding a berth at St. Vincents. He is quite ill.

The American Red Cross wants blood donors. Notify Chuck Collins if you care to donate.

We hear guard on No. 1 gate is grandpa. His son married an English girl over there. Baby girl born Fathers day, June 18. Congrats.

R. R. Richardson, fumigation expert. Bed bugs, cock roaches, pests of all kinds exterminated. Poisoneous smoke method. Big black cigars.

Auxiliary NEWS

The next meeting of the Women's Auxuliary will be held August 8 in Parlor I on the fourth floor of the union hall. At this meeting delegates will be elected to go to the annual Conference of UAW Women's Auxuliaries September 11th at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The 1944 conference will be extremely important to the women of UAW members. Women are going to have to help solve labor's post-war problems. Individually women can accomplish little. However, by uniting, much pressure can be put upon our congressmen to pass bills favorable to labor. Pressure can be put upon OPA when it fails to enforce price ceilings; the WPB could be forced to make better quality clothing comparable to the price.

These are a few of the things we could accomplish now if more of the women of UAW were interested in bringing them about.

In the postwar period women will play an important role. Reconversion means unemployment unless planned for in advance. It will be up to women to see that there is a fair distribution of goods after rationing is abandoned. If we don't fight for our share and at a reasonable price we will find our cupboards bare. Our children will e be undernourished and ill clothed.

The UAW Women's Auxiliary Conference is held every year to discuss these and other problems facing organized labor and what part women can take in helping to solve them.

Any UAW wife who accompanies her husband to the UAW Convention is welcome to attend the sessions of the women's conference as a visitor. These sessions will be well worth your time so we hope you will except our invitation.

Margaret Burkart, Pres.
Aux. 58.

Committee Continuing Probes

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The "Truman Committee" of the Senate may be losing its chairman, who is submitting his resignation to keep the committee's investigations free from partisan politics, but it won't lose its power and punch, according to Senator Harry S Truman, its presiding officer since it was set up, and now FDR's running mate in the vice-presidential place on the Democratic ticket.

Truman has called a meeting of the Special Committee to investigate the National Defense program for the week of August 1 at which time decisions on a new chairman, and future course of action will be reached.

Sources close to Truman report that he will urge the continuation of the committee's investigations, which have already saved the citizens of the United States millions of dollars.

Senator James M. Mead (D. N. Y.) is expected to take over the reins as chairman when Truman's resignation is accepted.

Sparklets—*Champion Unit*

Sammy Eyre won't drive his car. Did you see the picture in the Blade after the Broadway trolley finished with it? We hope you are reimbursed for your damages. Incidently, we're glad you weren't in the car.

Who is running around with sunburn and red noses? Did you notice the filing table? Hmmm?

The boys in dept. K are SO polite to one another. They even call each other mister. Wonder what brought that on?

Harley Lowe says if the boys don't leave his stitcher and truck alone he will do something desperate. (He'll have to catch the culprit first though.)

Eddie Heiden, steward in dep. B, second shift, took a trip to the hospital. We hope everything came "out" all right.

We're sorry to hear that Beatrice Kubacki's hubby was injured while on overseas duty. We hope he recovers and soon.

Maynard Griffin's wife had a baby a few weeks ago and it wasn't mentioned in the paper. The boys from the tool room feel it is a great injustice to Maynard since he has almost complete care of his offspring.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell were vacationing at Vineyard Lake and spent some of their time dancing. My, how Bill can dance in his bare feet. He became so enthused dancing with those good looking gals from Brookley, Michigan that he gave away his socks.

Dept. L in E has a new employee, Dot Jones, Clem Jones' wife. As every one knows Clem is one of our finest committeemen.

Dorothy Mann, stewardess in department D second shift, and Avonel Holst of the same shift, celebrated birthdays on July 23rd. Congratulations. Rosie Crandall baked a cake for Avonell and was it good! While we are on the subject of birthdays we'd like to wish Dorothy Dusseau a happy one.

To the fishermen of the Champion:

The boys at the Army Air Base located at Lake Charles, Louisiana can make good use of your old fishing baits; some of those old ones you've lugged around for years and never use. If they need repairing, or painting, bring them in anyway. Johnny Taylor of engineering inspection has volunteered to do this work and also to see that the soldiers get them. While we're fishing up here in our spare time let's see that our friends in service have the chance to do likewise.

P. S. Casting plugs are a little tough for the boys down yonder to pick up. Can you oblige? Everything will be greatly appreciated.

Our sympathy goes out to Leona Rabb, whose father passed away last week.

Harold "Slim" Brenner of department H has returned from a fishing trip to some little lake with stories of lots of pike and pickerel, but ... no bass. Shucks man, why?

R & R Unit Noise

We have two newlyweds in our midst, Hazel Zimmerman and Gladys Root. Best of luck, gals.

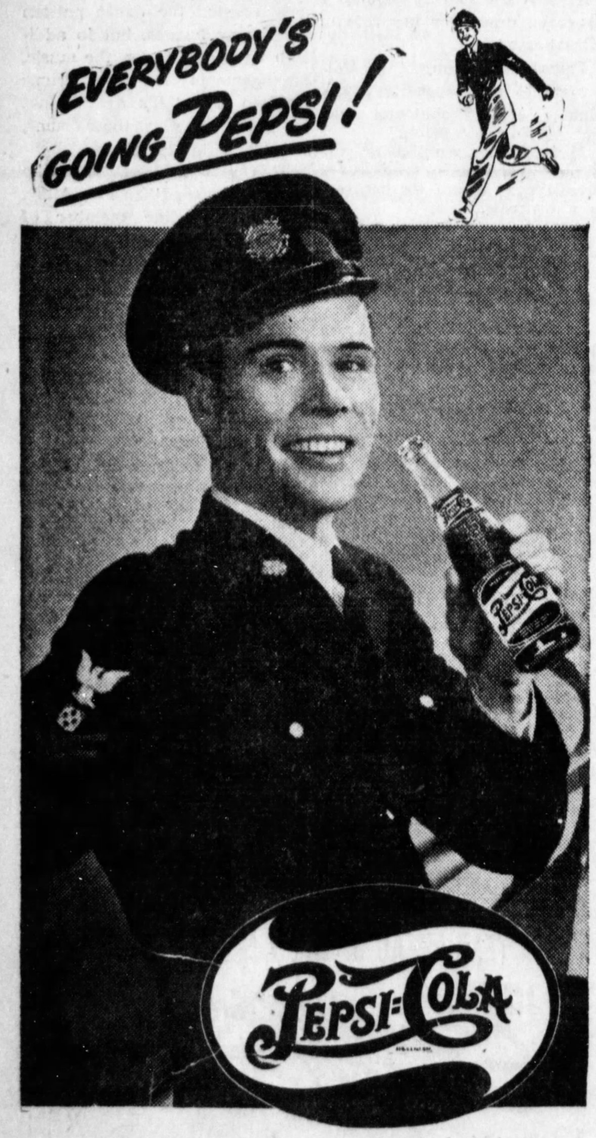
Lucille Van Camp underwent an operation at Women's and Children's Hospital July 25th and is doing nicely.

Wallace Earl and Frances Kubacki are our new committee members, replacing Ed Price and Ray Bordeaux.

Due to the conscientious and cooperative spirit of our stewards, our steward system is beginning to function efficiently.

Those not familiar with the system, should know that your steward in charge of your division, is the person to consult when confronted with problems.

The committee and stewards have a tough job despite what anybody say, and too often when we are aggrieved about something, we are inclined to take it out on the steward or committeeman concerned. This is positively the last thing we should do. They are our lawyers so to speak, and it behooves us to approach all the difficulties that come up with an effort to understand, rather than with the idea that our representatives are automatically against us. If we will look upon any problem in the light of its effect on all of us, rather than on yourself individually, a lot of these misunderstanidngs will be made clear to all.



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